

Recommendations and Problems

Monthly Reports for July 1958

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

The problem of staffing the special city plans map project received considerable attention during the month. The compilation phase of the pilot map was completed and the project now awaits the solution of certain security problems. In the meantime, preliminary work has been started on the second city plan.

Because of the reduction of capabilities in the Drafting Section due to recent resignations, this unit has been unable to keep current with their workload. In order to remedy this situation a regularly scheduled period of overtime has been established. This overtime will be worked in addition to that required by rush work to meet close deadlines.

EUROPE-AFRICA COMPILEATION BRANCH

Chief, GC/E notes, again, with regret that another D/GC person has departed for a 3 months TDY in Africa unbeknownst to GC/E, thereby affording no opportunity for a pre-departure briefing. This situation is particularly unfortunate since D/GC considers D/GC one of its prime sources of information.

MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

The publication of the "Acquisitions List for Maps of Foreign Areas" is behind schedule. The "Pool" typing service, normally utilized in the preparation of this list, has suffered a shortage of personnel during the past month. Map Library personnel are temporarily assisting with typing to expedite publication of the list. Discussions with "Pool" administrators have been held, and it is anticipated that entrance on duty of new typing personnel will soon relieve this problem.

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GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

This is a follow-up to a problem on which the Far East/Pacific Branch has reported in the last several months: Following GC/F participation in the FDD conference on JPRS contacts, relations with FDD have improved again. FDD has apparently achieved a better understanding of our translation problem and has indicated a willingness to negotiate a JPRS contract for translation of Chinese geographic monographs.

Also as a follow-up to a problem reported on earlier: In the Map report of the Europe Branch, attention was called to the difficulty encountered in getting requirements effectively serviced from the field. The difficulty is perhaps inherent in the necessity for going through channels from here to St/I to DD/P and out to the field, or from St/I to State, as the case may be. There are few evidences that the situation is improving, due to some extent to an alert individual in St/I. On two occasions this month the Europe Branch was informed that its requirements had been accepted for collection and on one occasion it was found that an evaluation made in June had been acted upon in the field in July.

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25X1A2d1 [REDACTED] has serious doubts about the value of a project such as [REDACTED] because the same area is treated in similar manner by a Georgetown University study for the Army Special Forces. Branch Chief's opinion is that this is perhaps a special case and that other Georgetown studies do not treat thier areas in a manner to meet the needs of Col. [REDACTED] Thus, on other areas it does not appear that there is duplication of effort.

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FAR EAST BRANCH

A recent request was directed to OO/C for procurement of a copy of a manuscript from a U.S. professor. The manuscript was obtained, but the analyst who had requested it was unaware of its receipt until he saw it in the course of a normal routing of the document. It was not sent to him directly, nor was he notified of its receipt. This may be an isolated instance, but if it is common practice, it is recommended that a policy be adopted that the original requester be notified first when a requested item is received in the Agency.

COORDINATION STAFF

Keeping abreast of NIS commitments is still the chief problem, particularly with the addition of the Chapter I Annuals program.

PUBLICATIONS STAFF

It has been understood that GM's sent to Reproduction would receive top priority and be issued within 2 to 3 days after their submission. According to report, GM-9, Resistance in Tibet, will not be issued before 7 August although it was submitted on 22 July. Is this setting a precedent as far as future GM's are concerned?

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